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Rush at Police Stations to pay traffic penalties

People demand extension of Feb. 11 deadline to avail 50% rebate

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (RK&BCT)- There is a mad rush at almost all jurisdictional Traffic Police Stations in city to avail the 50 percent rebate on penalties for violation of traffic rules. With the last date to obtain the rebate is Feb. 11, people are demanding the extension of the deadline.

In a temporary measure to clear backlogged cases, the Transport Department on Feb. 2 announced a 50 percent rebate on paying fines for pending traffic challans in the State. The rebate, a one-time offer, will only be granted to violators if they pay the fines by Feb. 11. The Transport Department issued order on e-challans that are booked for traffic violations caught on traffic surveillance cameras in the city. People who want to pay the fines for e-challan cases can visit the nearest Traffic Police Stations. Alternatively, they can also pay the fine through PayTM or Karnataka One website.

(See RUSH on page 6)

Offenders paying fine at K.R. Traffic Police Station in city this morning.

Pending cases:
25,51,048
Penalty amount:
Rs. 127,82,93,700

101-year-old Ex-serviceman has 'unusual visitor' in city

M.K. Veeraraj Urs, retired Duffedar of 61st Cavalry Regiment, Jaipur, Rajasthan, greeted by incumbent Commandant Col. Rohit Dagar

Col. Rohit Dagar presenting a miniature idol of the horse to 101-year-old Ex-serviceman M.K. Veeraraj Urs at his residence in city yesterday as Urs' wife, 91-year-old B. Nagarathna and eldest son M.V. Nagaraj look on.

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (BS)- The 101-year-old lone surviving Ex-serviceman of his time of 61st Cavalry Regiment, Jaipur, Rajasthan, had an unusual visitor in the City of Palaces Mysuru on Wednesday evening.

M.K. Veeraraj Urs, a Mysurean residing at LIG 99, CITB House, Kuvempunagar in the city is that Ex-serviceman, who was excited to receive the incumbent Commandant of 61st Cavalry Regiment, Jaipur, Rajasthan, Col. Rohit Dagar, at the doorsteps of his house, with a childlike enthusiasm, rarely seen among his peers.

Col. Dagar, who had heard about Veeraraj Urs from Brigadier Arupendu Gupta (of Grenadiers Regiment, presently posted in Bhopal Selection Centre), drove all the way to Mysuru from Bengaluru, where he (Col. Dagar) is currently on a visit to oversee the selections for forthcoming Asian Games.

Col. Dagar presented a miniature idol of the horse to Veeraraj Urs (who retired as Duffedar from 61st Cavalry after serving for 22 years from 1940 to 1962), denoting the Cavalry unit, that opened a flood of memories with the 'oldest and the new member of the Cavalry' exchanging a gamut of information in Hindi.

(See EX-SERVICEMAN on page 6)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 9th February 2023

Branded readymade garments sale

Mysuru, Feb. 9- The sale of branded readymade garments, including national and international brands, underway at Hotel *Rio Meridian* on New Sayyaji Rao Road in city will conclude today (Feb. 9).

The garments sale is open between 10 am and 10 pm.

The organisers are exhibiting more than 75,000 varieties of jeans pant, cotton pant, formal pant, formal shirts, office/party wear shirts, T-shirts, bermudas, shorts, tops, kurtis, ladies jeans, pullover, jackets, kids wear and many more under one roof at very minimum rates.

Shoppers can pick many brands of gents wear, more than 25,000 cotton pants, jeans, formal pant, shirts etc.

Ladies will be spoilt for choices in branded premium garments like kurtis, western outfits and so on. A huge stock of more than 20,000 varieties of long kurties, palazzo, short kurties, heavy rayon, computer work, ladies jeans and pullover are also on display.

In addition, royal Rajasthani printed bedsheets, pillow covers, sofa covers are some other attractions to customers this season.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

How much difference would a selfie and a bunch of fruits make to her life?" I wondered on our way back from a visit to a nonagenarian in the hospice. My son Deepak's comment that "the feeling that we care for her would certainly gladden her heart" set me thinking.

"I double-check and ensure that my morning messages reach my friend, a cancer survivor, because I know how much they mean to her," confided my neighbour; "and the return messages or even emojis convey the state of affairs at the receiver's end," I added.

A dish calls for a pinch of salt, a dash of spices, and perhaps a spoonful of sugar to complete it. While all of them are needed to make it palatable, none of them are equal in quality, quantity, or cost. Here is where the magic concept of coordination, pooling, and combined effort comes alive.

The genuine needs of a deserving person are never the same. If it is financial help for one, it is guidance for another, and it is moral support for the third. So are the capability and affordability of the contributor. Nevertheless, every little contribution counts, with bits adding up to complete the circle.

None of us can play God by mitigating suffering, but as his representatives, we can certainly ease it. We have shown that we can do it during the pandemic, and all that is left is to ingrain it into our daily lives.

— Snehlatha Baliga in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Largest wearable cake dress

Switzerland: A baker from Switzerland has set Guinness World Record by making the world's largest wearable cake dress. Natasha Coline Kim Fah Lee Fokas of SweetyCakes showed off her dress, made of cake ingredients on January 15, 2023, in Bern, Switzerland in front of exhibitors.

The wearable cake dress weighed an extraordinary 131.15 kg. SweetyCakes is a bakery specialising in custom cakes founded in 2014 by Natasha and based in Thun, Switzerland, reported Guinness World Records. Ms Fokas runs a bakery named SweetyCakes that makes custom cakes. She baked this cake to set the Guinness World Record. The attempt took place during the Swiss World Wedding fair. The record-breaking cake was brought out during the finale of the scheduled fashion show.

Walks 20 mts in 4.78 seconds

Los Angeles: A video clip shared by Guinness World Records featuring Zion Clark, the fastest man on hands has taken the internet by storm.

The video includes glimpses of Clark training to break world records. The differently-abled US athlete has set Guinness World Record (GWR) by walking 20 metres in 4.78 seconds in 2021. Along with the video, the caption reads, "Meet Zion Clark, the fastest man on two hands." Clark was born without legs and relies on his hands due to a rare spinal disorder called Caudal Regressive Syndrome. In 2022, the athlete smashed two more Guinness World Records. In October 2022, he set the record for the highest box jump with the hands and the most diamond push-ups in three minutes at an elite Los Angeles-based gym.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth: Calcium supplement causes renal stone

Fact: Calcium intake in moderation would prevent stone as it binds to oxalate and prevent its absorption in intestine.

By Dr. THIMMAIAH K. A. - Consultant – Urology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Glitter with Indian silk this wedding season

Mysuru, Feb. 9- As wedding bells chime this season for you or your loved ones, it's time for you to get decked up with ravishing Indian silk. So, before you finalise your list of what to buy and what not while making the wedding festival plans, do not forget to visit 'Silk India,' a direct weaver's sale that houses a wide range of sarees and dress materials made of silk fabric.

The exposition puts forward works by the artisans and craftsmen from all over India, which includes Bunkers craft from Chhattisgarh, sarees, Kantha-stitch silk sarees, Baylu saree, Tangail from West Bengal, Lucknow Chikan work, Banarasi silk, Jamdani silk sarees and Chiffon sarees from Varanasi.

A wide collection of dress materials are also on sale, which will help you to flaunt your *haute couture* on that special night. You will have ample opportunity to choose between Bandhej, block & Sanganeri print from Rajasthan and Gathjoda, Bandhini & Patola from Gujarat and Khadi silk, Tussar silk, etc., all under one roof.

People who are fond of South Indian silk can end their search here as a huge range of Kanjeevaram sarees with traditional motifs is on display. Not only this, suits woven in Dharmavaram style, gold zari bordered sarees and Gadwal sarees of Andhra Pradesh will entice you to buy one for your wardrobe.

This ongoing 'Silk India' exhibition at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road will continue till Feb.12 from 11 am to 8 pm.

The expo was inaugurated by MLA L. Nagendra on Feb.6.

REALLY...?

- *The longest town name in Europe is Lanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch in Wales.*
- *The airport in Brussels sells more chocolate than any other location on Earth.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A boss was telling an applicant two main rules of the company:
Our 2nd main rule is cleanliness. Did you wipe your feet on the mat before coming in?
Applicant: *Yes Sir! I did.*
Boss: *Our 1st main rule is trustworthiness. There was no mat !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.63
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.88
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.50
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.68

VOICE OF THE READER

A stampede-like situation at Mysuru Railway Station

Sir,

I want to bring to the notice of the Railway authorities concerned a stampede-like situation that arises every time while boarding Kaveri Express train starting from Mysuru Railway Station at 9 pm.

The train starts from Platform-5 and there is a stampede-like situation every single day on the bridge to access this platform.

This is because Vishwamanava Express train arrives in Mysuru at 8.40 pm, so there is a 'rush' of passengers — those who are alighting versus those boarding. The situation is very serious and I have seen many vulnerable people such as small children, women and the elderly caught in this frenetic rush and getting severely crushed.

Since the Kaveri Express leaves at 9 pm, the people who are boarding will be in a panic mode and start pushing each other and this is causing a stampede-like situation. It's only God's grace that has saved us every time!

I'm very disturbed to note that no senior Railway official has bothered to notice this and take suitable action. One Railway Constable is seen standing doing nothing. A greater tragedy is just waiting to happen!

A simple solution is to make it one-way on the bridge which will resolve the issue or to divert these trains to another Platform.

It's highly appalling to note that it requires the public to bring this to notice of the Railway authorities. I hope they don't turn a blind eye any longer and take prompt action at the earliest to relieve the passengers of this frightening experience.

—Ganesh Ananthaswamy
Mysuru 29.1.2023

Two-day Summit of Board for IT Education Standards at Infosys in city from Feb. 10

Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan to inaugurate event

Dr. Ashwathnarayan

Bengaluru / Mysuru, Feb. 9 (KMS&BCT)- A two-day Summit of the Board for IT Education Standards (BITES) will be held at the Infosys Learning Campus in Mysuru from Feb 10.

A press release from BITES Chairman Prof. S. Sadagopan said "This is the Fourth Edition of the Conference organised by the IT Education Standards Board and aims to improve the quality of professional education in the State and to develop human resources for the IT sector."

Minister of Electronics, Information Technology - Biotechnology, Science and Technology, Higher Education, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan will inaugurate the Summit and will also take part in a conference on Industry Revolution 4.0 opportunities and challenges.

BITES is an autonomous body and a non-profit society promoted by the State Government in association with educational institutions and IT Industries in Karnataka to enhance the quality of IT education and help build quality manpower for the IT industry.

On the occasion, the Minister will be launching 'Bytes Unnathi', a programme for achieving the targeted goals in the next three years. Employment training to 10,000 youths from rural areas has been planned under the 'Bytes Unnathi'. Over 1,000 companies will be choosing the youths for training using artificial intelligence, the release said.

Also, under the same programme, 1,000 girl students will be getting corporate scholarships and over 1,000 faculty will get training on future technologies.

Over 10,000 students are expected to participate in the Conference. As many as 100 engineering colleges, including 16 government engineering colleges, will benefit from 'Bytes Unnathi', the release said.

Kin-Kini puja of Chinmayee Acharya

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (SSM)- Bhushans' Academy of Performing Arts and Visual Presentation, Mysuru, will be presenting the Kin-Kini puja (maiden performance) of Chinmayee Acharya, disciple of Bhushan couple Badari Divya Bhushan and Dr. Anjana Bhushan at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar here on Feb. 10 at 6 pm.

Shashwathi Dharmika Kriya Samithi's Bhanuprakash Sharma will inaugurate.

Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, Kannada and Culture Depart-ment Assistant Director, Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Nrityalaya Trust Artistic Director Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, Musician and Composer Vid. K. Guruprasad and Viswa Vikasa Trust President Mantelingachar will be present.

Chinmayee is studying in 4th std. at JSS School in Saraswathipuram. She started learning Bharatanatyam from last year and has got trained from basics covering the whole Margam within a year.

Chinmayee is daughter of Pavithra, a research scholar at Mysore University and a resident of Saraswathipuram in city.

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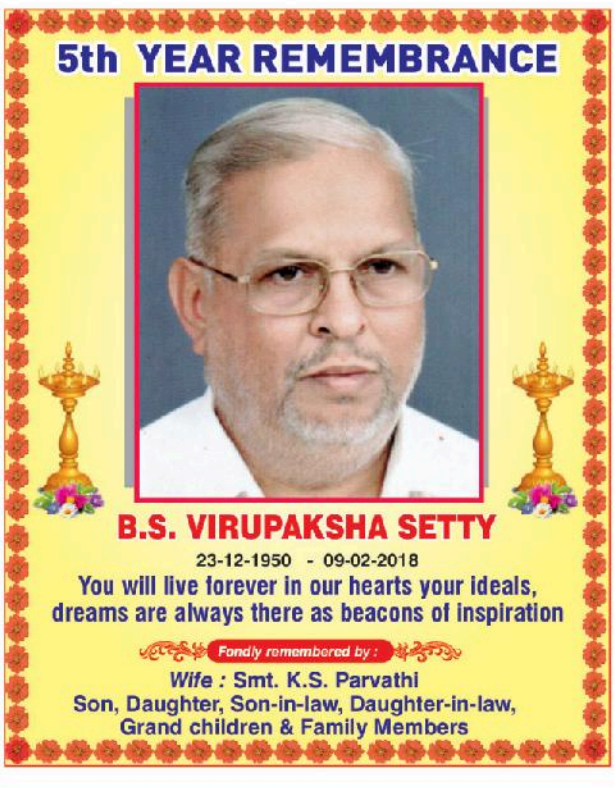
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NEWS BRIEFS

Science Sanje

Kalasuruchi and Kutuhali have jointly organised Science Sanje at Suruchi Rangamane on Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, on Feb. 11 between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm. M.V. Roopa, Scientist, Mangalyaan's Operation Manager, ISRO, Bengaluru, will speak on the topic 'Challenges of Mangalyaan.'

Lokayukta's Mysuru tour

Karnataka Lokayukta Justice B.S. Patil will be on four-day tour to Mysuru city from Feb. 11 to 14. He will chair a meeting with District-level Officers and H.D. Kote taluk-level Officers at Zilla Panchayat Auditorium on Feb. 13 at 11.30 am.

Annual Day

The Annual Day of Ganabharathi Sangeetha Nritya Shaale, Mysuru, will be held at Ganabharathi's Veene Sheshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, on Feb. 11 at 4 pm. V. Kavish Gowda, Hon. Secretary, Vidya Vikas Educational Trust, Mysuru, will inaugurate while Dr. Rama V. Bennur, President of Ganabharathi will preside over the event. Ganabharathi Vice-President H.R. Sundareshan and Secretary Dr. Krupa Padke will be present. For details, call Mob: 94483-23234, according to a press release.

Date extended

The Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, DMG Halli, which had invited applications from eligible candidates for admission to sixth standard for the year 2023-24, has extended the date till Apr. 19. Students may submit applications by logging on to www.navodaya.gov.in. For details, call Ph: 0821-2970040.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	112.62 feet
Yesterday	:	112.74 feet
Inflow	:	372 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,212 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,270.98 feet
Inflow	:	103 cusecs
Outflow	:	500 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,828.98 feet
Inflow	:	88 cusecs
Outflow	:	70 cusecs

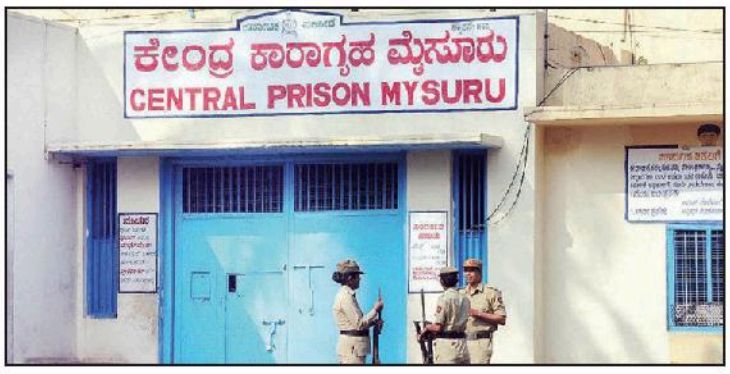
City Police Commr. and team conduct surprise raid on Mysuru Central Jail

Cash, mobile phones, ganja, knife, scissors, spoons turned into weapons seized

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (RK&KS)- City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh and his team of Police officers, conducted a surprise raid on Mysuru Central Prison yesterday afternoon and have seized various banned items found with the inmates at the jail.

Before conducting the raid, the Police team combed the outside surroundings of the Central Prisons to know if the news of the raid was already known and the banned items thrown outside the jail premises.

The Police team, led by the City Top Cop then entered the Central Prison premises and conducted surprise checks during which they found Rs. 15,000 cash, five mobile phones, 20 grams ganja, knife, scissors and spoons turned into weapons with



the inmates and seized them.

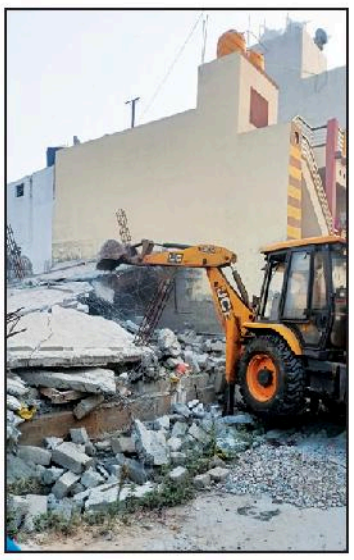
Cases have been registered at Mandi Police Station under various Sections of the IPC against the inmates who were having the banned items.

DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj, DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi, City Crime Branch (CCB) ACP Sandesh Kumar, Devaraja Sub-Division ACP Shanthamallappa, N.R. Sub - Division ACP C.K. Ashwathnarayan, K.R. Sub-Division ACP S.E. Gangadharaswamy and staff were part of the team, which conducted the surprise raid.

Illegal houses demolished at Naidu Nagar

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (RK&KS)- Four houses that were being constructed illegally on Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) sites were demolished by MUDA officials at R.S. Naidu Nagar in city yesterday morning.

MUDA had acquired 2.06 acre land in Survey No. 152/2A of Belavatha village behind Naidu Nagar Bus Stand in 2000 and had constructed a residential layout. MUDA had distributed sites to beneficiaries at the layout. But a few vested interests had trespassed into the layout and were constructing houses on four vacant sites illegally. MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar, who came to know about the illegal constructions, issued an order for demolition of these illegal structures.



Armed with the demolition order, MUDA officials, who reached the spot along with an earth excavating machine at about 6 am yesterday morning, demolished the under construction structures under Police security and reclaimed the sites worth about Rs. 1 crore.

MUDA Superintending Engineer Channakeshava, Executive Engineer Dharmendra, Assistant Executive Engineers H.P. Shivanna, Kiran, Harsha, Mohan Kumar and Srinivas, Junior Engineers and staff took part in the demolition drive.

Miscreants steal scooter, cash after killing labourer

Mysuru, Feb. 9- An incident of miscreants murdering a labourer and decamping with his scooter and cash has come to light lately in city.

The deceased labourer has been identified as Shankar (50), a resident of Dattagalli 'J' Block in city. His body was found in a big drain near Deshilingeshwara Temple at MUDA Employees Layout on Jan. 29 and Kuvempunagar Police had registered a case of unnatural death of an unidentified person.

On Jan. 31, Shankar's wife, 46-year-old Lakshmi came to Kuvempunagar Police Station to lodge a missing complaint of her husband and it was then the Police came to know that the unidentified body was that of her husband.

Lakshmi told the Police that on Jan. 29, Shankar left home at about 3 pm on his scooter and came home drunk at about 10.30 pm. He told her (Lakshmi) that the scooter key had fallen somewhere, took the duplicate key and also told her that he would take money from one Ravi of Parva Club and left home.

Lakshmi further stated that when she enquired with Ravi, he told her that he was not present in the club when Shankar had come on Jan. 29 and informed her that one Gaja of the club had seen Shankar consuming liquor on the Service Road at a distance from the club after parking his bike and also informed her that one Surya and another person, who were residing behind the club took Shankar along with his scooter with them.

In her complaint, Lakshmi has accused Surya and his friend of murdering Shankar by hitting on his head with a weapon, throwing his body in the big drain and making away with the scooter and cash.

Based on the complaint, Kuvempunagar Police who have registered a case, are investigating.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (KS)- Mysuru Railway Police have found a body of an unidentified woman near Srirangapatna Railway Station and have registered a case.

The deceased is aged between 50 and 55 years, 5.5 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, normal built and oval faced.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579.

Gold sculptor Channappacharya passes away

Mysuru, Feb. 9- B.N. Channappacharya (87), a renowned gold sculptor and a resident of Gayathripuram, passed away yesterday morning in city.

Channappacharya

He leaves behind his wife Amaravathi, son Srinivasachar, daughters Ahalya Kumari and Jayashri and a host of relatives and friends.

A recipient of Amarashilpi Jakanachari and Shilpakala Academy Awards, he had made the silver *kavacha* to the main door of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill and had also made several idols, *Kalasha* and masks for temples at B.R. Hills, Kollur, Kukke Subramanya and many temples in south India.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday evening, according to sources.

Obituary

Mandepanda Nalini Uthaya

Mysuru, Feb. 9- Mandepanda Nalini Uthaya (Kuppanda-Nangala), wife of late Uthaya and a resident of No. 403, Manasa Enclave in Lakshmipuram, passed away yesterday in city. She was 79.

A native of Madikeri in Kodagu, she leaves behind daughter Chitra and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning, according to family sources.

T.M.G. Mahadevaiah

T.M.G. Mahadevaiah (70), retired KSRTC official and a resident of Giridarshini Layout, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, four daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at his native place Talakad today, according to family sources.

M.B. Shankar

M.B. Shankar (60), a senior advocate and a native of Maakanahalli village in T. Narasipur taluk, who was residing at K.C. Layout here, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife Leelavathi, son Dr. Pruthvi Shankar and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

DC calls for ensuring maximum poll percentage

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra addressing a meeting in city yesterday as ZP CEO K.M. Gayatri looks on.

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (MTY & DM)- Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra has called upon officials to ensure at least 90 percent polling in the forthcoming Assembly elections. He was speaking at a meeting on poll preparations and SVEEP (Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation) activities at ZP Hall here yesterday.

Stressing on the need for carrying out voter awareness campaigns, Dr. Rajendra said that the final electoral rolls has been prepared and all eligible voters should verify the list for finding out their names. Pointing out that SVEEP Committee should expand its activities, he underlined the need for carrying out campaigns at public joints such as Railway Stations, Bus Stands and other prominent places. Noting that all departments should actively involve in voter awareness, the DC said that publicity materials must be kept ready at all tourist destinations and other popular spots.

Stating that SVEEP theme song is ready, the DC said that the song must be widely publicised through garbage collection vehicles and other means of communication, such as LED in all the 256 Gram Panchayats and other urban areas.

Instructing the officials to find out the reason for low turnout, he said that plans must be evolved for ensuring a high turnout in all booths. Stating that it must also be ensured that the physically challenged, transgenders and Adivasis are not kept out of polling process, Dr. Rajendra said officials must be ready to convince such groups which give open call for mass poll boycott citing various issues.

ZP CEO K.M. Gayatri called upon officials and staff to utilise social media for carrying out awareness. Stating that women self-help group meetings must be engaged in awareness campaigns, she said meetings must also be held with apartment residents and Residents Welfare Associations in localities.

Stressing on the need to educate the public that voting is their right, Gayatri said that officials must document every activities. Pointing out that there are tribal hamlets in four taluks of the district, she said it should be ensured that all eligible voters possess Electors Photo Identification Card (EPIC) and that no voter is left out of the electoral rolls. Noting that there are 2,905 polling booths in the district, she directed the officials to set up Ethnic polling booths for Adivasis and Sakhi booths for women. All Government vehicles must be pasted with stickers on voter awareness, she added.

Additional DC Kavitha Rajaram and others were present.

Mysuru-Kushalnagar four-lane Highway gets fund sanction

Nitin Gadkari

New Delhi, Feb. 9 (KMS & BCT)- Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has announced grants for a slew of National Highway projects for Karnataka, which goes to polls before May this year.

Taking to Twitter yesterday, Gadkari sanctioned funds for the construction of access-controlled four-lane road with paved shoulder from Mysuru to Kushalnagar section of National Highway (NH)-275 near Guddehosur at the start of Kushalnagar bypass in Mysuru district, for which a budget of Rs. 909.86 crore has been sanctioned.

In addition, the Minister announced the construction of access-controlled four lanes with paved shoulders from Mysuru to Kushalnagar section of NH-275 at Yelachenahalli near Yelwal-K.R. Nagar Road junction to Srirangapatna bypass in Mysuru district with a budget of Rs. 739.39 crore.

Connecting Expressway

The four-lane 93-km Srirangapatna-Guddehosur National Highway will run parallel to existing NH-275 and will be constructed in two packages — from Srirangapatna to Periyapatna and Periyapatna to Guddehosur. The Highway will start from Bramhapura between Paschimavahini and Naguvanahalli near Srirangapatna and end at Anekadu near Kushalnagar. It will link Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway.

The expanded Highway will provide smooth connectivity and seamless travel from Bengaluru to Kushalnagar and people will be greatly benefited as the existing National Highway 275 has already reached its saturation point.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha have thanked Nitin Gadkari for approving the funds for the project. Earlier, Pratap Simha had on several occasions appealed to the Union Finance Ministry to grant funds for the Mysuru-Kushalnagar Highway, estimated to cost Rs. 4,000 crore.

Raitha Sangha opposes project

However, the National Highway expansion project has gained stiff opposition from the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS), which has questioned the 'self-interest' of Pratap Simha in the project.

KRRS State President Badagalapura Nagendra had said that at a time when farmers are suffering from land loss due to various development projects and at a time when tobacco farmers of Mysuru region are facing severe distress, their elected MP is hell-bent on bringing in more Highways. "What is Pratap Simha's personal interest in the project," he had questioned earlier.

"Instead of widening the existing NH-275, an entirely new project has been taken up and this was unnecessary as over 1,200 acres of fertile land will be acquired for the project," he had said, raising objections to the land acquisition process for the project.

Last session of current Assembly from tomorrow

Bengaluru, Feb. 9 (KMS & DM)- The last Legislature session of the current Karnataka Assembly will commence from tomorrow (Feb.10).

The session is the Budget session as Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who holds Finance Portfolio, will present the State budget on Feb. 17.

The Budget session will get off to a start with Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot addressing the joint session of the State Legislature at Vidhana Soudha tomorrow morning. The session is likely to go on till Feb.24, with CM Bommai set to present the

CM to present State budget on Feb. 17

2023-24 Budget on Feb.17, which is also the last budget to be presented by the Government in the current term of the Assembly, with the State going to polls in a couple of months.

Meanwhile, the Opposition Congress and JD(S) are getting ready to take on the Government on many issues which chiefly include Santro Ravi case, 40 percent commission charges levelled by Karnataka State Contractors Association, recruitment scams, rampant corruption charges in transfer and postings, failure on all fronts etc.

The reported remarks made by former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy targeting the Brahmin community too is likely to take the session by storm.

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101-year-old Ex-serviceman has 'unusual visitor' in city

Col. Rohit Dagar, who presented a miniature idol of the horse to M.K. Veeraraj Urs in Mysuru yesterday, seen with (from left) *Col. (Retd.) Bhanuprakash, Urs' daughter-in-law Pushpa Nagaraj, son-in-law L.N. Sridhar, son M.V. Nagaraj, Urs' wife B. Nagarathna, daughters M.V. Srimathi and M.V. Vasantha and son-in-law M.S. Srikantaraje Urs.*

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This interaction made for an interesting watch, with the Urs' family members including M. K. Veeraraj Urs wife, 91-year-old B. Nagarathna, eldest son Nagaraj and his wife Pushpa, daughters M. V. Vasantha and M.V. Srimathi, sons-in-law L. N. Sridhar and M. S. Srikantaraje Urs and their relative Col. (Retd.) Bhanuprakash lending their ears curiously.

Like a horse that gallops before taking a leap at the pull of the reins, for nearly an hour, Veeraraj Urs let his memory do the talk, that even left the visiting Commandant spellbound, in awe of the former.

As Col. Dagar jotted down some of the important points, Veeraraj Urs with a twinkle in his eyes recalled the name of his then Commandant of 61st Cavalry Col. Bhopal Singh, the platoons that came along with Mysore Lancer (which along with other lancers — Jodhpur, Patiala and Jamnagar and Gwalior) were merged and made into 61st Cavalry) to Jaipur and the practice sessions then including jumping, tent pegging and the horses he (Veeraraj Urs) rode and trainings he conducted for several aspirants including foreigners.

Veeraraj Urs had his favourite horse named 'Gowri' and has kept a memorabilia in her remembrance, that he has still preserved as a show piece that adorns the hall of his house.

The memorabilia is a bunch of hair from the same horse tail (of Gowri) and showed how it was the privilege of superior officers in the cavalry to use the refurbished hair of the horse tail fixed to a stick as a fan.

As Col. Dagar mentioned the name of another horse 'Prithviraj' a jumper, Veeraraj Urs pat recalled how even then Prime Minister of India Jawaharlal Nehru was impressed to see the horse in action.

As Col. Dagar kindled the memories associated with the cavalry, Veeraraj Urs was insisting his family members to pull out an array of black and white photographs from the album, going down the memory lane.

Dagar told *Star of Mysore*, "It's a rare privilege and that is precisely why I made it a point to call on Veeraraj Urs, after learning about him."

Veeraraj Urs, who described the moment as Godsend at his rickety age said, "I am really humbled and what more can I ask for," showing the three medals pinned to his coat as a gesture of pride.

A tale of 'tail'...

M.K. Veeraraj Urs explains about the self-made memorabilia from the hair of his favourite horse's tail, to Col. Rohit Dagar, as his wife B. Nagarathna looks on.

Mysuru-based C.A. Kuttappa returns as India's boxing head coach

New Delhi, Feb. 9 (Agencies)- Dronacharya awardee C.A. Kuttappa has returned as the head coach of the Indian men's boxing team for a second stint, a decision made by the Boxing Federation of India (BFI).

C.A. Kuttappa

Kuttappa is a resident of Gokulam in city. Hailing from Chenanda family, Kuttappa has been coaching Indian men's boxing team since May 2009.

He has replaced Army Sports Institute's Narender Rana, who was appointed as the chief coach in Oct. 2021. "The Federation had an internal meeting and the decision was taken on the advice of the new High-Performance Director. He wanted Kuttappa in the team," BFI Secretary-General Hemanta Kalita said yesterday.

"The new High-Performance Director is making his team and there is no permanent position for head coach," he added. Incidentally, it was Rana who had taken over from Kuttappa after BFI had made wholesale changes in the staff following poor show at Tokyo Olympics, where none of the male pugilists won a medal.

However, Kuttappa continued to remain as the coaching staff. With important tournaments such as Men's World Championships, Asian Games and Olympics lined up in the next two years, BFI hopes Kuttappa will stay on as the head coach till Paris 2024.

"We want him to stay till the Olympics but his position will be on a performance basis," Kalita said. He is currently overseeing the national camp in Patiala, which includes the likes of Shiva Thapa and Commonwealth Games medallist Md Hussamuddin, Rohit Tokas, and Sagar.

During Kuttappa's first stint as head coach from 2018-2021, Amit Panghal won a historic silver medal at the world championships.

Rush at Police Stations

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Interestingly, many in Mysuru are opting for physical payments and as a result, there is a rush at all the Traffic Police Stations, especially K.R. Traffic Station. This morning, there was a long queue in front of the Station to pay the fine. Queues were also seen at V.V. Puram, Narasimharaja, Devaraja, Kuvempunagar and Siddhartha Traffic Stations.

Some of them in the queue were seen requesting the Policemen to extend the deadline.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh said that as of now there is no proposal to extend the deadline.

"See, the Transport Department and the State Government had taken the decision to offer a rebate. In case they want to extend the deadline, they will communicate the same and we will implement it accordingly," the Commissioner said.

Penalty data after rebate

From November 2019 to November 2022, 25,51,048 e-challan cases were pending in Mysuru and the traffic penalties amounted to Rs. 127,82,93,700.

After the 50 percent rebate was announced, from Feb.3, 2023 till Feb.7 (10 am), 69,419 cases came to a close with the payment of fine amounting to Rs. 1,46,73,800. The pending e-challan cases recorded during that period were 24,81,629 amounting to Rs. 126,36,19,900.

From Feb.3, 2023 till Feb.7 (9 pm), 1,00,943 cases were closed and the Mysuru City Police collected a pending fine of Rs. 2,12,59,650. From Feb.3, 2023 till Feb.9 (12 noon), 1,51,088 cases were closed and the Police collected a penalty of Rs. 3,15,97,450.

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Devaraja Civil, Traffic Police Stations get new buildings

Mayor Shivakumar and MLA L. Nagendra seen inaugurating the new Devaraja Civil and Traffic Police Stations in city this morning as City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh, DCPs M. Muthuraj and S. Jhanavi and other Police Officers look on.

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (RK&BCT)- The third and fourth new Police Stations of the total four sanctioned for Mysuru city were inaugurated by Mayor Shivakumar and MLA L. Nagendra this morning.

The Police Stations are Devaraja Law and Order Police Station and Devaraja Traffic Police Station, adjacent to the newly constructed Ambedkar Bhavan on Krishna Vilas Road. Though the two Police Stations are separate, they will function from the same building. While the ground floor of the new building will house Devaraja Law and Order Police Station, the first floor will house Devaraja Traffic Police Station.

Built at a cost of Rs. 3.20 crore, the building has all the modern amenities, sections for Policemen and exclusive chambers for Inspectors and equipped with latest gadgets to track criminals and communicate with other Police Stations.

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra was scheduled to inaugurate the facilities today. The Mayor and the MLA dedicated the building in the absence of the Minister.

The other two new Police Stations are the recently inaugurated Alanahalli Police Station adjacent to Bannur Road near Devegowda Circle, which has been built at a cost of Rs. 2.15 crore and the Hebbal Police Station behind the Public Library near Kuvempu Circle on Hebbal Main Road, built at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.15 crore.

Speaking after inaugurating the Devaraja Civil and Traffic Police Stations, Mayor Shivakumar said that the present-day Policemen have become public-friendly unlike in the past where people dreaded to go to a Police Station.

"Earlier, the role of Policemen was just to catch and punish the criminals and also fill the Government treasury with penalties collected. Now their roles have changed and they have become friendly and at the same time, they are ensuring law and order," he said.

The Mayor suggested to the Police to organise Police-resident meetings in various localities of the city frequently to really understand the ground realities and the actual problems faced by the people.

MLA L. Nagendra said that two more new Police Stations will be sanctioned to Mysuru city and he was in talks with the State Government for funds. "Facilities like new buildings, technological equipment and infrastructure will increase the efficiency of the Police," he added.

City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh said that his team was effectively implementing the traffic rules across the city to bring in a sense of discipline. "If one follows the traffic rules, 50 percent of the accidents are reduced and it will prevent loss of lives of innocent commuters. Public must join hands with the Police to make roads safer," he added.

Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Mirle Srinivas Gowda, Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited (MPVL) Chairman Raghu R. Kautilya, DCPs M. Muthuraj and S. Jhanavi, ACPs Gajendra Prasad, Shanthamallappa, Parashuramappa, S.E. Gangadharaswamy, Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors were present.

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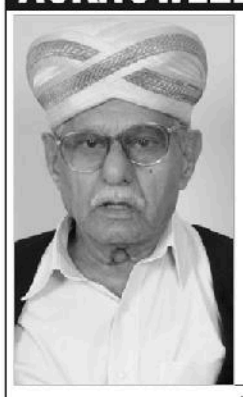

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16217	Mysuru	Shirdi	05.30	07.55	Monday
17326	Mysuru	Belagavi	05.50	08.40	Daily
06256	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	06.10	09.05	Daily Passenger
16215	Mysuru	Bengaluru	06.45	09.35	Daily
16229	Mysuru	Varanasi	07.30	09.55	Tue & Thu
16023	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	08.20	10.50	Daily
07345	Chamarajanagar	KSR Bengaluru	09.05	12.50	Daily Passenger
19668	Mysuru	Udaipur	10.00	12.10	Thu [Humsafar Exp]
12975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.30	12.55	Thu & Sat
12578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.30	13.35	Friday
12613	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily
16315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.50	16.35	Daily
20608	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	13.05	14.50	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
17307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	13.25	16.30	Daily
06258	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	13.45	16.55	Daily Passenger
12008	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	14.15	16.10	Daily Except Wed
16557	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	14.50	17.20	Daily
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16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	16.55	20.20	Daily
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16592	Mysuru	Hubballi	18.50	21.40	Daily
16210	Mysuru	Ajmer	19.10	22.30	Tue & Thu
16227	Mysuru	Talguppa	19.30	22.55	Daily
06526	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	19.50	23.05	Daily
22681	Mysuru	Chennai	20.15	22.50	Wednesday
16022	Mysuru	Chennai	21.00	23.45	Daily
06269	Mysuru	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	22.20	00.45	Daily
06560	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	22.25	01.15	Daily
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22818	Mysuru	Howrah	23.45	02.00	Sunday

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22817	Howrah	Mysuru	01.10	03.20	Sunday
16218	Shirdi	Mysuru	01.10	03.20	Thursday
06559	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	02.05	05.15	Daily Passenger
16021	Chennai	Mysuru	04.00	06.40	Daily
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	04.30	07.00	Daily
16228	Talguppa	Mysuru	05.05	08.20	Daily
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16316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	08.50	11.15	Daily
06257	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	09.40	13.30	Daily Passenger
20607	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.20	12.20	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
12007	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.50	13.00	Daily Except Wed
16558	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	11.30	14.00	Daily
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06268 (Exp)	Mysuru	Arsikere	06.30	10.25	Daily
16208	Mysuru	Yesvantpur	07.15	10.10 (Hassan)	Daily
16225	Mysuru	Shivamogga	10.15	16.25	Daily
16222	Mysuru	Talguppa	14.00	23.30	Daily
06214	Mysuru	Arsikere	17.45	21.50	Daily
12781	Mysuru	Hazrat Nizamuddin	20.10 (Fri)	17.50 (Sun)	Friday
17301	Mysuru	Dharwad	22.30	08.05	Daily
16585	Mysuru	Mangaluru Central	23.15	09.05	Mon, Wed, Sat
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12782	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Mysuru	05.10 (Mon)	03.30 (Wed)	Monday
16586	Mangaluru Central	Mysuru	18.35	03.00	Tue, Thu, Sun
06548	Mangaluru Central	Mysuru	18.35	03.00	Wed, Fri, Mon

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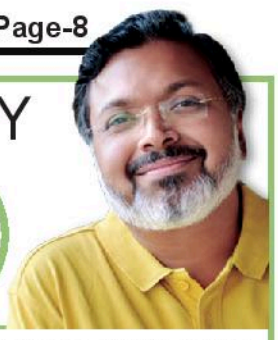

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Shakti is Power Within, Durga is Power Without

In a popular social media short video, a young stand-up comedian says that he bought an iPhone because its greatest feature is that it makes you confident. As soon as he got the iPhone, he felt confident enough to abuse his friends and colleagues who did not have an iPhone. Power that came with the brand was used to acquire even more power by abusing those who did not have the brand. Power thus is a currency that can be bought (through brands) and grabbed (through abuse). It can be given, taken and received, like food. In Hindu mythology, power is embodied by Goddess Shakti, also known as Goddess Durga. But to a keen observer, Shakti is different from Durga. Every God has Shakti within him. Durga is created outside, when the Gods release their inner Shakti. In other words, Shakti is power that is inside us, our inner confidence. Durga is power that is outside us, power that comes to us in the form of praise, recognition, respect, status, brands, tools and weapons. Finding the inner Shakti is difficult so we crave external Durga.

Language is a powerful source of Durga. When someone praises us we feel powerful. When someone insults us, we feel powerless. When someone praises us we feel we matter, when someone insults us we feel we don't matter. So we crave motivation and shun those who criticise us. Politicians understand this well. Using the power of language they can inspire people to do good or they can rally a mob to tear down citadels. To disempower opponents, they very consciously use words of disrespect, words that strip people of dignity. By eroding the self-worth and self-confidence of others, a politician nourishes himself with power, like a demon.

During a Hindu ritual, even before the deity it is venerated, veneration is expressed to every implement that is used in the ritual, from the bell, to the pot, pans and ladles that are part of the ceremony. In other words, while every object has Shakti, they are also given Durga, expressed through flowers, sandal paste and words and gestures of veneration. You show respect for the implements of the ritual, not just the ultimate object of the ritual. In an organisation, likewise, everyone deserves respect, not only the "deities" that is, seniors and owners of the company, but also everyone who constitutes the company — from employees, partners, vendors and support staff. But yet, unlike temple rituals, in organisations, we see power moving primarily towards the powerful ones (seniors) from the powerless ones (juniors), which seems illogical. Those with power granted by station and rank instead of empowering the rest of the organisation, remain hungry for more power and so demand subservience.

Could this have something to do with the popular Indian belief that "elders" and "teachers" must be respected? What is derived from this, that if you're not an elder, you are not deserving of respect, if you're not in a powerful position, if you're not the teacher, you do not deserve respect. Respect as a result goes to people who have more knowledge, more resources, and more status. Power is thus distributed on grounds of caste and rank. The higher you are in the social hierarchy, the more power you deserve, the more power you demand. This creates a feudal structure, mimicking a forest. In dharma, power has to flow towards the powerless.

In India, we find people saying that if you're nice to people they will take advantage of you because they think you're powerless. In other words, abusing people, insulting people, being obnoxious is seen as an indicator of power, commonly seen in the rich, the powerful, the famous. Celebrities and politicians and the elite feel entitled to abuse people, especially service staff. They feel they have this right. It is what defines their status. To be an elder means you have the privilege to abuse and disrespect. When we believe that power can be grabbed through disrespect, we are not content buying brands, or acquiring status, to feel powerful; we feel the need to abuse those who do not have those brands, or that status.

On television shows we see how rude and obnoxious people become instant celebrities, as they have the courage and the wit to put down people. These people justify their rudeness on grounds that they are fighting the good fight: they are the victims, and those opposing them are vile villains. Thus there is something heroic in being rude. We have thus given permission to the righteous to be rude. So the Police feel entitled to be abusive to the criminal, strip him of humanity. To be civil is seen as a burden, a sacrifice. Hence the stinginess with giving Durga even if it costs nothing.

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Now entry to Mysore Palace temples streamlined

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (SSM) - It is now easy and less confusing for all the devotees who visit the nine temples at Mysore Palace premises as the Palace Board has streamlined the entry and parking facility for devotees visiting each temple.

Devotees can now visit all the temples between 6.30 am and 10 am and from 6 pm to 8.30 pm on all days.

The order facilitating these arrangements was passed after the approval of Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra following a meeting with the Muzrai Department and Police Department Officials recently.

Devotees visiting Sri Prasanna Krishnaswamy Temple, Sri Khille Venkataramana Swamy Temple and Sri Lakshmiramanaswamy Temple may enter the Palace from Karikallu Thotti Gate after parking their vehicles at the parking lot on the left side of Karikallu Thotti Gate.

Those who wish to visit Sri Shwethavarahaswamy Temple can enter the Palace premises from Varaha Gate after parking their vehicles near the Varaha Gate parking lot.

Devotees can take Jayamarthanda Gate to visit Sri Gayathri Devi Temple, Sri Trinayaneshwaraswamy Temple, Sri Kodi Someshwaraswamy Temple and Sri Kodi Kalabhaireshwara Temple after parking the vehicles at Doddakere Maidan.

They can enter the Palace via Jayarama-Balarama Gate to visit Sri Bhuvaneshwari Temple after parking the vehicles at the parking space near Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple (Palace North Gate).

Physically-challenged people, senior citizens and those with health issues may enter the Palace with their vehicles via Karikallu Thotti Gate and take the road left to Sri Lakshmiramanaswamy Temple to visit Sri Gayathri Devi Temple, Sri Trinayaneshwaraswamy Temple, Sri Kodi Someshwaraswamy Temple, Sri Kodi Kalabhaireshwara Temple and Sri Bhuvaneshwari Temple.

Speaking to *SOM*, Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya said that he has appealed the Muzrai Department to arrange battery-operated vehicles between 6.30 am - 10 am and 6 pm - 8.30 pm for the aged people to visit all the temples.

At present there are two battery-operated vehicles to ferry tourists inside the Palace premises from 10 am to 5 pm.

Subramanya said that the above changes in Palace entry were necessitated so that the devotees need not traverse long distances to visit a particular temple.

Sound and Light

The regular Sound and Light Show is held from 7 pm to 7.45 pm followed by Palace illumination for 15 minutes till 8 pm. On Sundays and Government holidays, the Palace is illuminated from 7 pm to 8 pm, he said.

Chamundeshwari Temple
Gopuram's beauty enhanced

The aesthetic painting works done on the Gopuram of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop the Chamundi Hill has further enhanced the beauty of the heritage structure. The seven-storey and 40m high Gopuram has intricate carvings. In fact, the painting work is visually appealing and at the same time, it maintains the sanctity of the Temple. People have wholeheartedly welcomed the coat of painting adorning the holy place. Earlier, a giant HMT clock that was donated to the Temple was placed atop the Gopuram like an eyesore, marring its beauty and architectural splendour. *[Pic. by Rajani Bopaiah]*

Dwadasha Jyotirlinga Darshana at Ramakrishnanagar till Feb.12

Mysuru, Feb.9 (SPN&BS)- In view of Mahashivaratri festival, Dwadasha Jyotirlinga Darshana has been arranged at the vacant site near Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) complex on Chaduranga road, Ramakrishnanagar 'I' block in the city till Feb.12.

Brahmakumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya has organised the annual religious event to enable devotees have *darshan* of the replicas of popular Dwadasha Jyotirlinga (12 Lingas) idols, installed in several parts of the country, under one roof in the city.

The Shivalingas namely — Somnath in Verawal, Saurashtra region in Gujarat, Mahakaleshwar, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, Kedarnath near Mandakini, Gadwal, Uttarakhand, Bhimashankar on the banks of River Bhima, in Khed taluk, near Pune in Maharashtra, Shri Kashi Vishwanath at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh and Trimbakeshwar, in the banks of river Godavari, Nashik district in Maharashtra, Srisailam Mallikarjuna Swamy at Krishna river bank, Kurnool district in Andhra Pradesh, Vaidyanatha (Baidyanath), in Deoghar, Jharkand, Nageshvara at Jageshwar in Uttarakhand, Rameshwara Swamy at Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu, Omkareshwar at Narmada river bank in Khandwa district, Madhya Pradesh and Ghushmeshwar at Shiwar near Jaipur, Rajasthan — have been installed at Ramakrishnanagar for the benefit of pious lot in and around the locality.

DISCOURSES

On Monday (Feb.7) Brahmakumari Manjula delivered a discourse on 'Paramathmana Darshana', while the discourse of Brahmakumari Sandhya on 'Srushtiya Aadhi, Madhya, Anthyada Rahasya' was scheduled last evening.

On Feb.9, Brahmakumari Rashmi will deliver a discourse on 'Punarjanmada Vruththantha', followed by Feb.10, Brahmakumari Yogeshwari on 'Rajayoga Dhyanada Moolaka Ashta Shaktigala Prapti' and Feb.11, Brahmakumari Vani on the achievements of Brahmakumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya.

The devotees can have *darshan* of Dwadasha Jyotirlingas from 7 am to 9 pm.

PM Modi wears blue 'sadri' jacket made of recycled plastic bottles

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Indian Oil Corporation Limited Chairman, S.M. Vaidya presenting the light-blue sleeveless 'sadri' jacket to Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the India Energy Week in Bengaluru last week. Pic. right shows the PM addressing the Parliament last evening wearing the same jacket.

New Delhi, Feb. 9 (Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has always been at the forefront to make the fight against climate change, a people's movement. He has walked the talk too, seen plogging at a beach in Mahabalipuram in 2019.

Yesterday, the PM donned a blue jacket that had his green message written all over it. The light-blue sleeveless 'sadri' jacket he wore to Parliament was special because it had been made from discarded and recycled PET bottles. He was in the Parliament to deliver a Motion of Thanks to the President's address in the Lok Sabha.

The Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) had ordered the manufacture of the special jacket and it was presented to PM Modi by Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at the India Energy Week in Bengaluru last week. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha yesterday tweeted the photo of the CM presenting the jacket to the PM.

At the event, Modi launched the 'unbottled' initiative and flagged the commercial roll-out of a twin-cooktop model of the company's indoor solar cooking system. More than 10 crore PET bottles will be recycled to make sustainable garments for IOC employees and the Armed Forces, said a company press release. During the event, the PM also received an Argentina football team jersey — with star striker Lionel Messi's name on the back. It was gifted by Pablo Gonzalez, the President of YPF — a majority State-owned Argentine energy company.

Available for public

The jacket that the PM wore in the Parliament will be available in major cities within three months, said Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) Chairman, S.M. Vaidya. He said that within three months, jackets made by recycled plastic waste bottles will be available to all the people.

How the jacket was made?

Indian Oil explained how they made the garment. It said that the process of making the fabric from discarded bottles involves washing, drying and crushing of collected PET bottles into small chips. The chips are then heated and passed through a spinneret to form polyester staple fibre which is given a fluffy, woolly texture in a crimping machine.

This polyester staple fibre is then spun to produce yarn which is further knitted or woven into polyester fabric. The process is pretty similar for other companies too that recycle plastic into fabric for clothes and shoes. It takes about six recycled bottles to make a T-shirt, six bottles to make a bodysuit, nine bottles to make a sleepsuit and nine to make a dress.

People will be able to buy the jacket on the retail outlets of oil marketing companies (OMC) such as IOCL, BPCL and HPCL Vaidya said that recycled product will not be limited to just to oil marketing companies or army personnels.

City Police take transgenders into custody for harassing motorists

Eight beggars found begging in public, sent to rehabilitation centre

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (RK&KS) - City Police, who conducted a crackdown on transgenders for forcibly collecting money from motorists and public in the guise of begging, have taken 22 transgenders into custody and have registered cases against them yesterday.

Also, eight beggars, who were found begging in public places were also taken into custody and have been sent to the rehabilitation centre at Gayathripuram after advising them.

Following complaints from motorists and public about harassment from transgenders at public places and at traffic signal junctions and also, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha asking the Police Commissioner to look into the matter, City Police conducted operations at various traffic signal junctions and public places yesterday and took the transgenders into custody.

They were brought to the Police Station and legal action has been initiated against them.

DCPs M. Muthuraj and S. Jahnavi and ACPs of all Sub-Divisions guided all Inspectors and staff in the operation.

Two killed in separate road accidents

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (RK&KS)-Two persons have been killed in separate road accidents in city.

In the first case, Manjula (41), wife of Raja Shetty and a resident of Hootagalli was killed on the spot, when a truck hit her scooter and ran over her near Basava Marga building on Hebbal Ring Road on Tuesday evening.

Manjula, who works at a garments manufacturing factory at Metagalli Industrial Area, was proceeding to her home after finishing her work, when the truck hit her scooter from behind and ran over her at about 6.15 pm, killing her on the spot. V.V. Puram Traffic Police have registered a case.

In the second case, M. Revoji Rao (57), a resident of Kempananjamma Agrahara, was killed, when an auto hit his scooter near New Kantharaj Urs Road-JLB Road Junction on Feb. 4 night. Revoji Rao was proceeding on his scooter from Sarada Vilas College side towards Agrahara, when the auto, hit the scooter, injuring him seriously at about 9.30 pm. Though he was admitted to a private hospital in city, he succumbed to injuries yesterday at about 8.15 am.

K.R. Traffic Police have registered a case.

Truck Terminals in all districts

Bengaluru, Feb. 9 (KMS&DM)- MLC and D. Devaraj Urs Truck Terminals Limited Chairman D.S. Veeraiah said that Truck Terminals will be constructed in the outskirts of all district Headquarters of the state in order to decongest heavy vehicular traffic movement and to ease loading and unloading activities.

D.S.Veeraiah

Addressing a press meet here on Wednesday, Veeraiah said that Truck Terminals will be built in an area of 30 to 40 acres, where loading and unloading of over 2,000 trucks and other goods vehicles can be done. Explaining the salient features of the Truck Terminals, Veeraiah said that each one will have a toilet and sanitation facility, rest rooms, an ATM attached Bank, a Police Station, shopping mall etc.,Maintaining that the Truck Terminals will be a boon to transporters, lorry owners and other goods vehicle operators, he said that this will also help a lot in job creation.

Asserting that all the 31 districts of the State will have Truck Terminals, he said that Truck Terminals are already coming up at Mysuru and Dharwad, which will be functional soon.

Noting that the construction of Bengaluru Truck Terminal is fully complete, he said that this will be thrown open for use by Transporters shortly. He further said that the land for Truck Terminal at Hubbali and Dandeli in Uttara Kannada district has been acquired and the construction works will commence shortly.

The Deputy Commissioners and Tahsildars of all other districts have been asked to identify lands for the Truck Terminals in their respective districts, he added.

Brothers bag medals in Karate

Mysuru, Feb. 9- Thirteen-year-old K.K. Mahin Muthanna (Black Belt) and his brother nine-year-old K.K. Naren Nanjappa (Black Belt) have excelled in the 22nd Shorin Kai National Karate Championship 2023 held recently at University Gymnastics Hall, Mysore University Sports Pavilion in city.

While Mahin won first prize in Individual Kata and Kumite events, Naren bagged third prize in Individual Kata and Kumite events.

Students of St. Joseph's Central School, Yelwal, they are practicing Okinawa Karate-Do Shorinryu Shorin Kai under Kyoshi S. Sunil Kumar.

Mahin and Naren are the sons of Lt. Cdr. Kodapalu Kishan, a Short-Service Commissioned Officer of the Indian Navy and Dr. B.E. Dhanya, Project Coordinator, DST STUTI Programme, JSS AHER, Mysuru, residing in Bogadi, Mysuru.

Mahin Muthanna and Naren Nanjappa

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 9)

- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival-2022:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Silk India-2023:** Exhibition-cum-Sale, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, Shivarampet, **up to 8 pm.**
- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya:** As part of Mahashivaratri celebrations, Dwadasha Jyotirlingagala Punyadarshana, cultural programme, **6.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Punarjanmada Vrutanta' by BK Rashmi, vacant site opposite Sumitra Steels, Chaduranga Road, Ramakrishnanagar I-Block; **7 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Adhyatma Ramayana,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Children's Literary Club, Mysuru:** 'Green Comet,' a talk by Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU, and presently, Director, Children's Literary Club, Mysuru, Chamundi Children's Home, II Stage Brindavan Extension, **6 pm.** [Mob: 96323-15924]
- **Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre:** Technical Presentation on 'My wonderful journey in the IAF' by Dr. Vinay Vittal, Group Captain (retd.), Indian Air Force (IAF), B.S. Prabhakara, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, presides, IEI premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 10)

- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival-2022:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Silk India-2023:** Exhibition-cum-Sale, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, Shivarampet, **11 am to 8 pm.**
- **Bhushans' Academy of Performing Arts and Visual Presentation, Mysuru:** Kin-Kini Puja (the maiden performance) of Chinmayee Acharya, disciple of Badari Divya Bhushan and Dr. Anjana Bhushan of Bhushans' Academy, Shashwathi Dharmika Kriya Samithi's Bhanuprakasha Sharma inaugurates, Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, Kannada & Culture Department Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Nrityalaya Trust Artistic Director Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, Musician and Composer Vid. K. Guruprasad and Viswa Vikasa Trust President Mantelingachar will be present, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm.**
- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya:** As part of Mahashivaratri celebrations, Dwadasha Jyotirlingagala Punyadarshana, cultural programme, **6.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Rajayogadhyana' by BK Yogeshwari, vacant site opposite Sumitra Steels, Chaduranga Road, Ramakrishnanagar I-Block; **7 pm to 8 pm.**

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	(S-4)	10 am, 4.05 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.25 pm
Tanuja (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Pramsadesam (Te)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
The Woman King (E)	(S-2)	7.15 pm, 10.00 pm
Nata Bhayankara (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am
Michel (Ta)	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 7.00 pm
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Varisu (Ta)	: 1.00 pm
Michael (Ta)	: 1.45 pm, 6:00 pm
Tanuja (K)	: 4.10 pm
Nata Bhayankara (K)	: 4.15 pm
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	4 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Daman (H)	: 4.10 pm
Avatar: Way of Water (E-3D)	: 5.35 pm
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The Woman King (E)	: 10.00 am, 3.55 pm, 9.50 pm
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Michael (Te)	: 10.55 am, 10.15 pm
Michael (Ta)	: 4.35 pm
Run Baby Run (Ta)	: 1.00 pm, 6.55 pm
Writer Padmabhushan (Te)	: 9.15 pm

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Kranti (K)	: 9.25 am, 12 noon, 3.25 pm, 6.50 pm, 10:15 pm
Pathaan (H)	: 11.45 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm
	6.15 pm, 6.45 pm, 10 pm
The Woman King (E)	: 12.50 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Michael (Ta)	: 3.00 pm
Michael (Te)	: 9.30 pm
Run Baby Run (Ta)	: 3.50 pm

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	(S-2)	10.00 am, 4.10 pm
	(S-4)	1.10 pm
Pathaan (H)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 4.00 pm
	(S-2)	1.10 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-3)	12.30 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-4)	10.20 am
The Woman King (E)	(S-3)	9.40 am; (S-4) 7.20 pm
Writer Padmabhushan (Te)	(S-4)	4.30 pm
Michael (Te)	(S-4)	10.10 pm

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Pathaan (H)	(S-1)	12.30 pm, 6.20 pm, 9.20 pm
Kranti (K)	(S-3)	12.30 pm, 3.50 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-4)	11.00 am
The Woman King (E)	(S-1)	9.50 am
	(S-4)	4.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Nata Bhayankara (K)	(S-4)	2.10 pm
Tanuja (K)	(S-4)	7.45 pm
Run Baby Run (Ta)	(S-1)	3.30 pm

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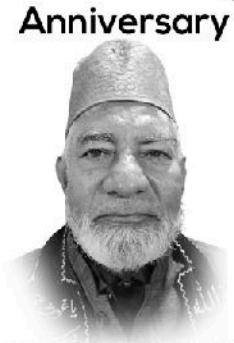

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